

## Government

Due to the strategic and economic importance of the borderplex, several categories of state, local, and federal agencies maintain offices in El Paso. Many of those operations are designed specifically to manage issues that are unique to the border region. At the federal level, the United States Department of Homeland Security houses large units belonging to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and to the Customs and Border Protection Commission to help manage the flows of persons, vehicles, and merchandise through regional ports of entry. With large and growing public school enrollments, local school districts collectively represent a major source of jobs as they tackle the challenge of educating El Paso's future leaders. Finally, Fort Bliss contributes large-scale impacts on the local economy and offers numerous career opportunities for civilians in the greater metropolitan area.

### TOP TEN GOVERNMENT SECTOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Number of Employees
1. El Paso Independent School District	8,663
2. Fort Bliss Civilian Employees	6,620
3. Yselta Independent School District	6,500
4. City of El Paso	6,264
5. The University of Texas at El Paso	4,871
6. Socorro Independent School District	3,995
7. El Paso Community College	3,728
8. County of El Paso	2,700
9. State of Texas (DHS, State Center, TXDOT, Health, DPS)	2,164
10. Department of Homeland Security (FBI, INS, DEA, Border Patrol)	1,786

Source: Department of Economic Development, City of El Paso, June 2003.

Year	Population (Estimated)
1997	64,000
1998	65,000
1999	66,000
2000	67,000
2001	68,000
2002	69,000
2003*	70,000
2004*	71,000
2005*	72,000
2006*	72,500
2007*	73,000
2008*	73,000

Source: UTEP Border Region Modeling Project, 2003  
 \* Estimated Figures

## GOVERNMENT SECTOR EMPLOYMENT GROWTH AND PROJECTIONS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003*	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*	2008*
Total												
Employment	63,228	64,097	65,160	67,032	68,232	69,329	70,119	70,829	71,473	72,111	72,738	73,325

Source: UTEP Border Region Modeling Project, 2003

Annual Averages